

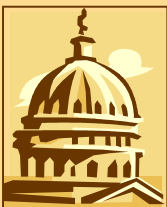
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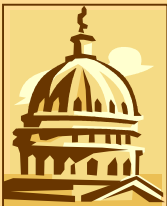


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Purpose/Mission

Oversight of the State's K-12 Education
Accountability System



Accountability Defined

Washington's Education Reform Act (HB 1209)

- ✓ Assessment Reporting
- Rewards
- Assistance for Struggling Schools
- Intervention in persistently low performing schools



Duties of the Commission

- Performance Improvement Goals
 - WASL results
 - Graduation rates
- Identify successful schools
- Identify schools in need of assistance
- Identify schools in need of state intervention
- Advise Governor, Legislature



Accountability system development context

- Commission began developing proposals in 2000
- Federal legislation (NCLB Act) passed in 2002
- NCLB encourages states align accountability policies
- NCLB accountability does not include non-Title I schools



Areas of Interest for Accountability

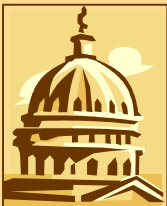
Possible opportunities for technology to enhance accountability



Value-Added assessment results

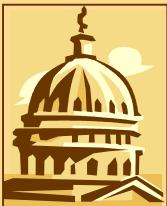
WASL will be given grades 3-8 (2006)

- Tracking individual student progress
- Mobility
- Academic starting point variability



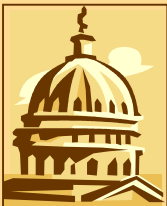
Culminating student outcomes

- Dropout rates
- High School graduation rates
- GED test results
- Postsecondary enrollment
- Postsecondary degree/certificate completion



Accessibility of local (school district level) data

- Local standardized assessments
- Student course taking
- Course grades
- Attendance
- Disciplinary action



Special program participant assessment results

- Special Education
- English Language Learner
- Highly Capable

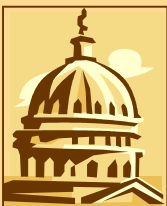


Other Areas of Potential Value to Accountability

School level results with particular populations
Comparison with district, state results

Alternative means of demonstrating skill
Tracking, reporting multi-faceted student
performances

Assessment of subjects not on WASL
History, Geography, Civics, Economics, Arts, etc



Thank you

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